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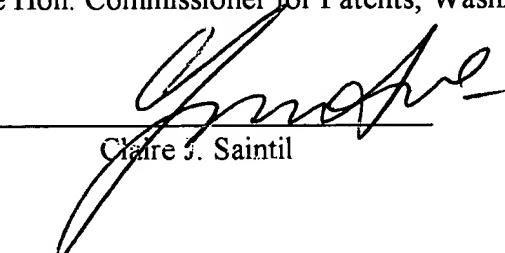
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For : INHIBITORS OF INTERLEUKIN-1 β CONVERTING ENZYME

EXPRESS MAIL CERTIFICATION

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I hereby certify that this transmittal letter and the other papers and fees identified in this transmittal letter as being transmitted herewith are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date indicated above and are addressed to the Hon. Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.


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Box: PATENT APPLICATION

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RULE 53(b)
CONTINUING PATENT APPLICATION

Sir:

This is a request for filing a [X] divisional, application of pending prior Application No. 09/430,822 (Confirmation No. 7788), filed October 29, 1999.

Transmitted herewith for filing are the [X] specification; [X] claims; [X] abstract; [X] Declaration; [X] Preliminary Amendment; for the above-identified patent application.

The enclosed declaration is:

[X] Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)).

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

The prior application, Application No. 09/430,822, filed October 29, 1999 is assigned of record to Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated.

Also transmitted herewith are:

[] sheets of:

[] Formal drawings.

The filing fee is calculated as shown below*:

FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE				\$710.00
TOTAL CLAIMS	12	- 20 = 0	x \$ 18 =	\$0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	6	- 3 = 3	x \$ 80 =	\$240.00
[] A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM		+ \$ 270 =		\$0
			TOTAL	<u>\$950.00</u>

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* Fee calculation based on claims pending after Preliminary Amendment, submitted herewith.

[X] The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



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